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**Minutes of meeting held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in Pittenweem New Town Hall.**

**Opening of Meeting:**

The Vice Chair **W.H.** called the meeting to order at 7-10.pm. and welcomed all present. **K.H.** has had an accident and ended up at A&E hence the reason we were a bit later in starting.

**Present:**

Community Council: W. Hughes, J. Taylor, M. Wardlaw, B. Ortmann, C. McCallum, H. Coggle, J. Bowman, A. Innes.

Fife Council: Cllr D. MacGregor.

Guests: None

Members of the public: Four

Apologies: K. Horsburgh, Cllr J. Docherty, Cllr E. Riches Mr M McArdle

**Approval of previous minutes:**

**Proposed:** A. Innes      **Seconded:** J. Taylor

**WH.** Opened the meeting by giving an explanation for apologies, he then invited the members of the public to discuss their topics with the committee. Library closures and the forth-coming meeting organised by **PICT**. We were asked for our support by attending the meeting so **CMcA. JT.** and **MW.** have agreed to attend the meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7-30pm. They thought if questions arose about ownership and the running of the hall came up **CC members** would be better placed to answer these questions. Lack of lighting in the Marygate is causing concern to many in particular the elderly especially at night when it is very dark and to date several people have tripped up. This has been continuous over the past few weeks and one member has written to Scottish Power, she did get a reply but still nothing has been done. It was agreed **MW** would forward a copy of her letter to **FC**. The lady said that a meeting was going to be held amongst the residents to discuss a plan of action, no date or venue has been arranged as yet. **FC** have been out to look at the situation, the volume of water that has fallen over the past weeks has not helped. Scottish Power did promise to get this sorted but because Scottish Gas were working in the area laying new pipes, **SP** are not going to get involved in looking for underground faults till they were finished. State of pavements also came up but they had not been damaged as a result of the gas workings therefore will have to wait till the April budgets come out to see where work will be carried out.

**Notice Boards:** it was commented that one board had nothing in it and surely it could be used for the benefit of Pittenweem to place posters etc. **MW** pointed out that someone had placed a notice on the outside of the board on the plastic inset with heavy tape, this will leave marks on the plastic when removed. It was pointed out if anyone wants to discuss or place notices in the board, names and phone numbers are available in the other notice board of community council members.

**West Wynd:** Public members asked what was being done to rectify the problem. An update had been requested early last week and a reply had just been received from FC this afternoon confirming the wall belonged to 64 High Street and the Council's legal services team have now been in contact with the owner. Some elderly residents who always used the Wynd to get to the High Street are struggling to use other Wynds. SP has made safe the street light.

**Matters Arising:**

**Police:** Tracy reported back by e-mail that she had visited the church area re-parking and said there really was little they could do. Gillian did report back about times that fireworks can be let off. Gillian also forwarded the list of crimes etc. to me for the previous months as requested. They have also done a spell with the speed gun in James Street situated at the church hall. They have been doing some work in trying to catch people speeding, it was commented on that the cardboard police person placed on the St Monan's side of Pittenweem was very effective and many had noticed the traffic slowing down as they entered Pittenweem. Three committee members have offered to be trained to work the speed gun. **MW** has agreed to forward the list to Gillian.

**Library Closures:** already been discussed, should have a decision on the 18<sup>th</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> February.

**Marygate:** already been discussed. Complaints that lights were not placed on metal barriers to show them up, this would have helped safety with the street lighting not working. Parking, people are moving the cones to suit themselves, which is not quite what should happen. Mr McCrae is meant to be in charge of the traffic management team and an e-mail should be sent to him to try and rectify parking throughout.

**Notice Boards:** already discussed. **BO** is ordering more magnets and is meeting up with **MW** and **CMc** to place pictures into the empty notice board. It was agreed by the committee that no commercial advertising would be placed in the notice boards. Posters advertising community events will be accepted. Contact names in notice board.

**High Street Electrics:** still no news of the last bollard being installed, **MW** was going to chase J. Coleman again. A complaint was submitted about the tree lights still coming on at night by a resident who thought they should have been switched off after Christmas. It has been dealt with, although the lights were not meant to be just for Christmas they did add a bit of brightness to the High Street. **MW** has agreed to speak with the resident who made the complaint.

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**West Shore:** JT contacted **FC** to make sure that more top cover was to be added to the area behind the sea wall where the 'contaminated soil' had been buried, and everything was going to be put back as it was when work was completed. A reply from **FC** was received and we are assured that all will be reinstated to as good if not better than it was before work started. **FC** is looking at boundaries reinstatement in the area. Once they have a plan this will be sent to **CC** and two members will be invited to a meeting with them on site since Common Good Ground is involved. It was noted that the top fence has subsided with the ongoing works at the West Braes carpark. **KH** is going to write again to find out who will be responsible for the completed job **FC** or contractors.

**Wee Roadie:** **FC** confirms that repairs to the sea wall were never part of the West Shore scheme. Questions can be asked when Mr McArdle comes along to the next meeting. **WH's** wife had taken pictures of the sea today and this will prove a severe test to work completed. Pictures have been sent to all **CC** members.

**West Braes:** It appears that the four swing seats, two children and two infant, have been replaced, there has been no communication from **FC** regarding this repair. Last year we tried very hard to get repairs done to the toilet block but drew a blank. The toilet block has now had all the metal grills round the windows removed and had UPVC double glazed units installed in all ten windows. The protective film is still on and some damage to the masonry so obviously the job is not completed yet. Pity the toilets are not going to be open full time to get the benefit of the upgrade.

**Old Town Hall:** nothing to report

**Scottish Water:** nothing to report

**P.I.B.** Coffee morning on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Road Repairs(West Wynd):** been discussed

**Church Bell:** Mr McArdle will update at next meeting

**Road Signs:** It had been mentioned that Jim Stormonth would be able to help regarding the Coat of Arms but when approached he said he knew nothing about it. The fact the **CC** has permission to use the Coat of Arms it was thought it would be better just to confirm with Lord Lyons that all was okay to use it. **MW** said she would make enquires. It was queried about the cost of the new road signs, to be checked if this would include the Coat of Arms?

**Common Good Fund:** nothing to report

**Harbour/Breakwater:** nothing to report

**Maw Dubbs/Ninian Fields:** nothing to report

**East Neuk and Landward Planning:**

From 18.01.2016

16/00012/FULL|11/01/2016 | Formation of balcony at 3 Glebe Park

16/00012/FULL| 4/01/2016 | Formation of French doors at 22 South Loan

15/04229/LBC | 12/01/2016| Removal of chimney | new flue at 22 South Loan

From 25.01.2016 Nothing within Burgh

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From 01.02.2016

14/02993/FULL 26/01/2016 Kirkclatch Cottage, 26 Milton Place -Work passed

From 08.02.2016

15/03617/LBC | 01.02.2016 | Consent for internal and external alterations including installation of replacement windows, gas pipe and repainting of external finishes. 6 High Street | Permitted 01/02/2016 – no conditions

Ref. No: 09/02318 Scottish Building Warrant | Received date: Tue 06 Oct 2009 |

Installation of 3 Hardwired Smoke Detectors - 19 Charles Street | Completion Accepted

JT explained the system of the consultee process, one complaint from CC is the equivalent to five people from the public complaining and that was why each member was now sent the weekly report.

JT asked the committee if he would just send paperwork related to new Pittenweem applications and nothing else, committee agreed.

**Play Park Gate:** nothing to report

**Benches:** decided to leave

**Parking Abbeywall Road/Harbour:** JT to ask for someone to come along

**Sea Wall:** same as breakwater and Little Roadie

**Pittenweem Arts Festival:** nothing to report

**NTH Trust:** nothing to report

**PICT:** Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in New Town Hall regarding Library outcome.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7-30pm, Talk by Professor TC Smout 'The Herring fishing from 1500 to 1950. St John's Church, Marygate, Pittenweem.

**Bank Account:** BO. Has passed money to Fund Raising account. MW had checked whilst in the bank regarding signatures and all cheques should have two signatures

**Dog Fouling:** Wadden delivered 3 bin stickers and 5 tie on notices, that was all he could muster. Tie on notices are corrugated plastic of poor quality. Tried to tie onto posts and fences but with the strong winds they just ripped off, will try nailing them to surfaces. Suggestion was to place them around the school entrance and swing park play area, behind the school, Braehead and West Braes. The camera van was supposed to be available at the end of January but you are not told when it is coming so no idea if it has been or not. There should be restrictions that all dogs are kept on a lead in the play park, and then owners would be more aware of what their dogs were doing.

**Secretary's Report:** Will not be able to do minutes in March, AI has agreed to do them.

**Councillor's Report:** Nothing from Cllr JD

**Cllr. D.McG,** Kenly Green wind farm, doesn't directly affect us. Not allowed to start building, huge amount of conditions, concerns about radar interference, they wanted to change wording on one condition to allow them to start early, finance has stopped, they may get an appeal in, wait and see what happens.

Council Budget, all sorts of problems, set up on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, Cllr Ross meeting with J, Swinney postponed to 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. a lot of cuts, parks maintenance reduced, not a good prospect,

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children will continue to get free fruit, suggestion put up council tax but that would cost too much. Post Office, Crail now getting a post office

**Treasurer's Report:** In bank 29/01/2016 £2,010.86

**NTHC:** An emergency meeting was called to discuss application for Caretaker/cleaner. New recruit is Eoin Hamilton and he has agreed to take on both positions. Arrangements are to be made about boiler renewal/servicing and other small repairs, and a decision taken on which quote to accept for the cladding on the office building. Need to try and generate We need to more interest in hiring out the hall. Next main meeting 25<sup>th</sup> February 3pm.

**Website:** Nothing changed. We need to register for Data Protection. Fee is £35 which is taken from the grant which already will be reduced, we will receive £200 plus 12p per head this year, this has been reduced by 6p per head. Other **CC** use Secretary @, **JT** has asked **FC** about it but to date no reply.

**Common Good Ground:** nothing to report

**Fisherman's Memorial:** They had looked at the Old Men's Club to see if it would be suitable for evening meetings. They are also trying to get more members to join. **JT** explained that all sub-committee decisions must be passed by the main **CC** committee, the **CC** are responsible for all sub committee's actions, a full meeting with **CC** and subcommittee needs to be done sooner rather than later.

**Pittenweem Map:** Remove

**A.O.C.B.**

**Kenly Green Wind Farm:** discussed earlier

**Post Office:** the layout of post offices is going to change and they will be open for longer, other changes are in the pipeline.

**Temp Road Closures;** Carnbee 8-12/02, Balcormo 8-12/02, Over Kellie 15-19/02, Kilrenny 22-26/02

**CC Renewal Forms:** Insurance forms were filled in and **JT** was going to send them through to Insurance company.

**Digi CC Workshops:** Report on **CC** throughout Scotland

**Draft Fife Council Budget:** Full details of cutback areas.

**Scotplay Equipment** Play park equipment

**Emergency Resilience Newsletter Update** on how Fife copes with Emergency Planning

**Climate Change Fund** is open for another year

**Development Management**

**PKD Advert** Charity Music and Bike festival 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Dalgety bay Sports Centre

**Paths for All Community** Paths Grant Fund 2016 keep on file

**Time Finished: 9-15pm    Next Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7pm**

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**Abbreviations:**

**KH**-Ken Horsburgh, **JT**- Jim Taylor, **BO**- Brian Ortmann, **AI**- Alex Innes, **CM**- Christine McCallum, **HC**- Helen Coggle, **WH**- Billy Hughes, **JB**- John Bowman, **MW**- Margaret Wardlaw, **Cllr DMcg** Cllr Donald Macgregor, **Cllr JD**, Cllr John Docherty **FC**- Fife Council, **CC**- Community Council, **CCFRC**- Community Council Fund Raising Committee, **PIB**- Pittenweem in Bloom, **SW**- Scottish Water, **SP** – Scottish Power, **CGF**- Common Good Fund, **NTHC**-New Town Hall Committee, **NTH**- New Town Hall